

WasteNet

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newsletter

Commercial Solid Waste and Recycling News

Sunnyvale Businesses Reducing Waste: Models in our Business Community

Amdahl Corporation

Amdahl Corporation has more than 30 years of experience in delivering large-scale computing and client/server technology. The company's formal waste reduction and recycling program began over 16 years ago.

Waste Reduction: Employees reuse folders, binders, and packaging. Management also encourages employees to look in surplus storage areas before ordering new equipment. Amdahl donates furniture and other office equipment to schools and donates perishable food to Second Harvest. In order to further reduce waste, bulk pump

dispensers are provided for condiments in the cafeteria, the company often purchases used furniture, and employees are encouraged to make double-sided copies and to use e-mail.

Recycling: Items include mixed paper, cardboard, beverage containers, toner cartridges, metal, wire, pallets/wood, plastic, foam packaging, fluorescent tubes, construction and demolition waste and cathode ray tubes (e.g. computer monitors).

Buying Recycled: Amdahl purchases paper office supplies, toilet tissue, paper towels, napkins, seat covers, packaging materials, and toner cartridges with recycled content.

Employee Education: Amdahl keeps employees informed about the program by periodically sending out emails, posting information on electronic bulletin boards, and including information in the company newsletter, on their website and on their intranet site. The company posts its environmental policies throughout its facilities, and dedicates money and employee time to its waste reduction and recycling program.



Rey Rincon, Warehouse Operations Manager, and Terri Ramirez, Amdahl consultant, accept a Sunnyvale Environmental Achievement Award for Amdahl.

Results

Amdahl estimates a **\$250,000 cost savings** last year due to its recycling efforts. In addition, the company has received numerous business, local, state, and national awards for their program.

Contact Rey Rincon, Warehouse Operations Manager at Amdahl, at (408) 746-7468 or via e-mail at RQR70@amdahl.com for more information. ■

Calendar of Events

Celebrate Earth Day — April 22nd.
Visit www.bayareaeearthday.net for more information.

City of Sunnyvale Environmental Achievement Awards applications must be postmarked by March 23rd, 2002. Call (408) 730-7484 or visit www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recycle to obtain an application or for more information.

Recycle Office Paper... And You Could Save Money!

Almost every business uses paper in its daily workings, and for some, paper can add up to a large portion of the waste stream. The following recycling service providers offer office paper recycling services to Sunnyvale businesses*:

Emerald Services Co.

Call for details. (408) 980-8811

Enterprise Recycling

Also offers beverage container collection; call for details. (650) 364-3333

In-House Recyclers

Also offers beverage container collection; call for details. (408) 292-4372

Mission Trail Waste Systems

Call for details. (408) 727-5365

Northern California Paper Recyclers

Call for details. (510) 476-1620

Paper is Money

On-call service is available, \$15 (negotiable) per container/pick up; Also includes free beverage container and toner cartridge collection. (650) 967-2534

Recycled Fibers of California

Call for details. (408) 297-1022

Silicon Valley Star Recycling

Also offers beverage container collection; call for details. (408) 737-8584

Sisca & Sons

Call for details. (510) 657-9775

Smurfit-Stone Recycling

Also offers beverage container collection; call for details. (408) 288-7553

Western Pacific Pulp & Paper

Call for details. (510) 494-2060

Weyerhaeuser Paper

Call for details. (510) 490-5887

Although many service providers may charge a fee depending on the type of and amount of paper that your business generates, your business could still **save money** if you are able to reduce your current garbage service. To supplement your program, the City is offering desktop recycling containers **at no charge**. Businesses may also drop off paper, cardboard, and beverage containers at the Sunnyvale Material Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT) Station® **at no charge**. No excuses...start your office paper recycling program today! ■

*Service options and associated fees may vary and are at the discretion of each business. This list does not constitute an endorsement by the City of Sunnyvale.

2002 Environmental Achievement Awards: A Chance for Local Businesses to Shine!

You've been working hard to reduce your waste and now's your chance to show off what you've done! Send us your success stories and you could win a City of Sunnyvale 2002 Environmental Achievement Award. Award categories

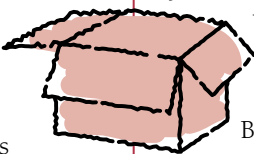


include waste reduction and recycling, energy efficiency, pollution prevention, open space preservation and restoration, and transportation. **Simply visit www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recycle to download an application or call**

(408) 730-7484 to request one. Award winners will be honored by the Mayor and City Council in a ceremony on Tuesday, April 23rd. Applications must be postmarked by March 23, 2002 or delivered to the SMaRT Station by 5 p.m. on that day. ■

Sunnyvale Businesses Recycled Over 6.9 Million Pounds of Cardboard (In One Year!)

Sunnyvale businesses participating in the City's Commercial Cardboard Recycling Program **diverted over 6.9 million pounds** of cardboard from the landfill in fiscal year 2000/2001. Businesses participating in this program are often able to *substantially*



reduce their garbage costs. In fact, this year's diversion translates into a total waste disposal **cost savings of approximately \$1.6 million** for participating businesses. Businesses must generate approximately 2 1/2 cubic yards or about 200 lbs. of clean, flattened

cardboard (corrugated only) per week to qualify for participation. For more information, call Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling at (408) 566-1804. ■

County Recycling Information Now Available On-line

www.recyclestuff.org

From computer disks to copper wire, packaging peanuts to pallets, find out where you can recycle or reuse almost anything in Santa Clara County by visiting the Center for Development of Recycling's (CDR*) new website at **www.recyclestuff.org**. You can also call CDR's toll-free Recycling Hotline at 1 (800) 533-8414 (M-F, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.). ■



*CDR is a non-profit, environmental research and service organization based at San Jose State University.

Solid Waste and Recycling Resources

Commercial Recycling Program
Business waste reduction, recycling, reuse, and buying recycled assistance — (408) 730-7484
www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/recycle/commercial.htm
jbenabente@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us

Revenue Division
Commercial garbage service start/stop & billing questions — (408) 730-7681

Small Business Hazardous Waste Disposal Program
Hazardous waste drop off appointments & information — (408) 299-7300 www.hhw.org

SMaRT Station®
Disposal/recycling drop-off center; 7 days a week, 8am-5pm — (408) 752-8530

Specialty Solid Waste & Recycling
Commercial cardboard recycling service start/stop — (408) 565-9900

Reminder: Sunnyvale Environmental Achievement Award applications are due March 23, 2002.